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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT! NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**, A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM! EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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RECENTLY, MEDUSA, QUEEN OF THE INHUMANS AND DOOMS REGENT IN MANHATTAN, WAS ORDERED TO CRUSH A GROUP OF INSURGENTS KNOWN AS THE VOICE UNHEARD—AND CRUSH THEM SHE DID.

MEDUSA'S AGENTS INFILTRATED THE REBELLION'S SECRET BASE AND TOOK MANY OF THE TRAITORS INTO CUSTODY. THE REBEL LEADER, BLACK BOLT, WAS FORCED TO SURRENDER TO MEDUSA WHO INTERCEPTED HIM DURING A MISSION.

THOUGH DUTY-BOUND TO DOOM, INTERROGATING BLACK BOLT LED MEDUSA TO DOUBT HER MASTER. IN A CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE, THE QUEEN CALLED ON LOCKJAW TO TELEPORT HERSELF AND BLACK BOLT AWAY FROM NEW ATTILAN AND THE CLUTCHES OF DOOM...

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THE QUIET ROOM.
SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE VOICE UNHEARD.
OH, COME ON.
SZZZACK
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO MY BAR?
DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD, BLACK BOLT!
NO, AURAN.
MY QUEEN? HE IS THE LEADER OF THE VOICE UNHEARD RESISTANCE. I...DON'T UNDERSTAND.
NEITHER DID I, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY. NEVERTHELESS, BLACK BOLT WILL REMAIN FREE.

RELEASE THESE PRISONERS AS WELL, AGENT KHAN.
PLEASE FORGIVE MY DISRESPECT, QUEEN MEDUSA, BUT THESE MEN ARE RINGLEADERS OF THE RESISTANCE. FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL, THEY WORK DIRECTLY FOR BLACK BOLT HIMSELF.
AND NOW YOU WANT TO SET THEM *FREE?* I HATE TO ASK THIS, BUT CAN YOU PROVE YOUR IDENTITY? AS A SHAPESHIFTER MYSELF, I--
YOU ARE KAMALA KHAN. YOUR FAMILY WAS LOST TO YOU FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN A SQUAD OF ULTRON DRONES MADE IT PAST THE SHIELD.
YOU AND I ONCE SPENT AN HOUR DISCUSSING HOW MUCH YOU MISS YOUR MOTHER'S *PAKORAS.*
AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH-- AUTHORIZATION CODE AMAQUELIN OMEGA 36.
GOOD ENOUGH. I DON'T *GET IT,* BUT YOU GOT IT.
KLIK
YOU ALL RIGHT, FRANK?
ALL GOOD, BOSS. I'VE GOTTEN WORSE WORKING THE DOOR ON SATURDAY NIGHTS. ARE *YOU?* YOU LOOK--
FORGET IT. I'M FINE. LISTEN. I SENT TRITON, FLINT, NAJA AND MEGA-RAD BACK THROUGH THE ELDRAC GATES. THEY WOULD HAVE TRIED TO COME HERE. DID THEY MAKE IT?
WE HAVE NOT SEEN THEM, BLACK BOLT. BUT PERHAPS THAT IS FOR THE BEST.
WHEREVER THEY ARE...

"...IT HAS TO BE SAFER THAN HERE."
DYSTOPIA.
WE NEED TO PUSH THROUGH MAESTRO'S TROOPS-- TRY TO GET BACK INTO THE SEA.
AND THEN WHAT, TRITON? WE BARELY MADE IT TO LAND AS IT IS!
BETTER THAN DYING HERE, FLINT! ON THREE.
ONE...
KRRK
TWO...
THREE?
KARNAK? HOW DID YOU FIND US?
THE DOG HAS QUITE A NOSE. ALL OF YOU, CLOSE IN ON ME.
SZZZK
NO! STOP TH--
KZZACK

I KNOW MANY OF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND MY RECENT ACTIONS.
I HAVE DEFIED LORD DOOM AND HIS THOR CORPS, AND AM NOW WORKING WITH THE LEADERS OF THE RESISTANCE WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY.
NOW, THE THORS HUNT EVERY INHUMAN, AND THEY HOLD NEW ATTILAN, OUR HOME.
YOU ARE OUR QUEEN, MEDUSA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF.
BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? TAKE NEW ATTILAN BACK?
NO, AURAN. WE WILL RISE UP...
...AND WE WILL DESTROY IT.

THEY TELL ME YOU'RE A REDHEADED LASS, MEDUSA--AND SO MY IRISH ROOTS MAKE ME NATURALLY INCLINED TO TRUST YOU.
BUT MY IRISH BRAIN HAS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. FIRST AND FOREMOST... WHY?
BECAUSE BLACK BOLT TOLD ME TO LOOK. AND I DID, AND SUDDENLY THE TRUTH OF MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE LOCKED INTO CLARITY.
THE WORLD IS NOT AS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD.
WE ARE DOOM'S PLAYTHINGS.
HE CAUSED DEVICES TO BE BUILT INTO NEW ATTILAN THAT BROADCAST A SIGNAL. IT KEEPS THE POPULACE FROM REALIZING ONE ESSENTIAL TRUTH...
...THERE IS NO FREEDOM IN THIS WORLD.
DOOM IS ALL-POWERFUL.
BUT PERHAPS THE DESTRUCTION OF NEW ATTILAN...OUR DEFIANCE ON SUCH A GRAND SCALE...WILL SHOW HIM THAT HE SHOULD USE THAT POWER DIFFERENTLY.
IF THIS IS ALL WE CAN DO...
...THEN LET US DO IT.

NEW ATTILAN.
SZZCK
PEOPLE OF NEW ATTILAN. THIS IS YOUR QUEEN. OUR HOME HAS COME UNDER ATTACK BY THE FORCES OF THE THOR CORPS.
I AM ORDERING YOU TO *EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY.* TAKE NOTHING WITH YOU. FLEE...
...AND LET NOTHING STOP YOU.
FIND HER AND *TAKE* HER.
RIGHT NOW.

DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WILL ACTUALLY EVACUATE?
THEY *MUST.* THAT IS ONE OF YOUR TASKS.
TAKE YOUR FORCES AND SPREAD OUT THROUGH THE TOWER. IT MUST BE *EMPTY* WHEN WE BRING IT DOWN.
FIND STERILON, IF YOU CAN. HIS MENTAL ABILITIES COULD BE VERY USEFUL IN KEEPING THE POPULACE CALM.
AND THE OTHER TASK?
DISTRACT THE *THORS.* KEEP THEM OFF US.
IT WILL BE DONE.
US? YOU DO NOT TRUST ME TO TRIGGER THE DESTRUCT SEQUENCES ON MY OWN?
YES, MEDUSA. *US.* I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO TAKE THIS PLACE DOWN FOR YEARS.
I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN YOU PUSH THE BUTTON.
AND MAYBE I'VE GOT SOME TRUST ISSUES, TO BE HONEST.
I SAVED YOU FROM THE *THORS,* BLACK BOLT.
THAT WAS A GOOD START.
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET TO A GOOD *END.*

NEW ATTILAN.
INTERROGATION CHAMBER.
STERILON! MEDUSA SENT US--WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE EVACUATION.
YES... I HEARD MEDUSA'S BROADCAST. BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION, AURAN. YOU ARE NEW ATTILAN'S CHIEF OF SECURITY.
SO WHY ARE YOU STANDING NEXT TO A WANTED CRIMINAL?
AND A FINE HELLO TO YOU TOO, THERE, MR. STERILON!
EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED. MEDUSA HAS EVIDENCE THAT PROVES DOOM HAS BEEN USING ATTILAN AS A MENTAL CONTROL DEVICE. WE'RE ALL JUST HIS SHEEP.
NONSENSE. WITH MY TELEPATHIC ABILITIES, I WOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT SUCH TAMPERING. I HAVE FELT NOTHING.
BUT IF IT'S AFFECTING YOU TOO...STERILON...HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW, AURAN.
AAARGH!
I HAVE FAITH.

KRRCK
Y-YOU'RE DEAD. I KILLED YOU!
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T GET THE WORD, PALLY...
...BUT THEY DON'T CALL ME THE UNDEAD G-MAN FOR NOTHIN'.
I'LL ADMIT, THOUGH-- TOOK ME A BIT TO PULL MYSELF BACK TOGETHER. YOU REALLY DID A NUMBER ON THE OLD NOGGIN.
FELT LIKE MY WHOLE HEAD WAS ON FIRE WHEN YOU WERE POKIN' AROUND IN THERE.
HERE. LEMME SHOW YA WHAT I MEAN.
WAIT... STO--
FWOOSHHH

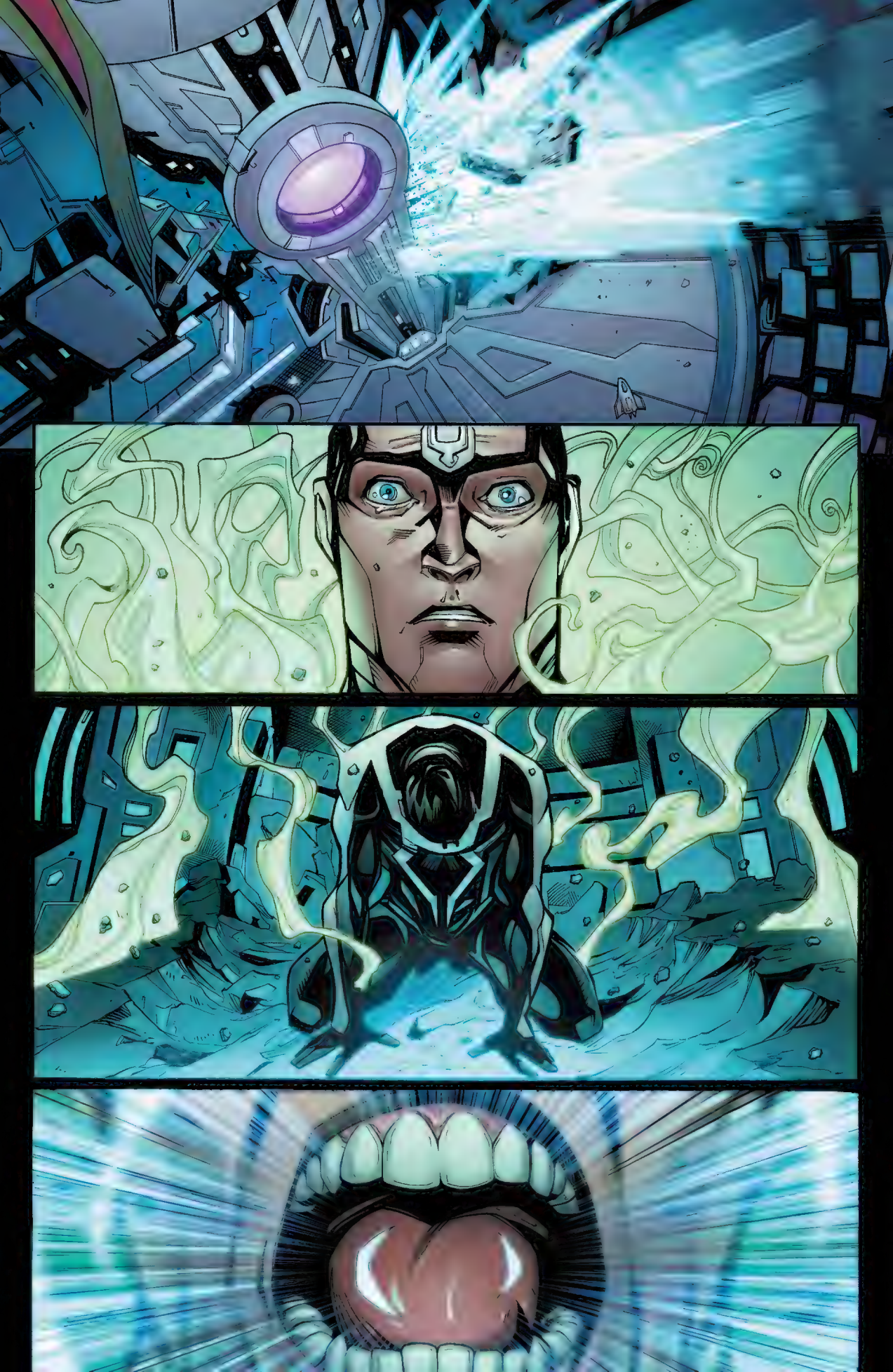
NEW ATTILAN CENTRAL CORE UNIT.
THIS IS THE PROCESSING UNIT FOR THE WHOLE CITY. I CAN TRIGGER THE DESTRUCT SEQUENCE FROM HERE.
GOOD. KARNAK TELLS ME THE TOWER IS EMPTYING QUICKLY.
I'LL SET IT ON A DELAY, TO GIVE US TIME TO--
OH N--
SSSSZZACK
NYYAAAGH!

MEDUSA, YOU ARE RELIEVED OF DUTY.
DO NOT LET HER ESCAPE!

KLK
SSSHP
DID →NNGH←...DID YOU...
NO. I WASN'T ABLE TO FINISH ENTERING THE COMMAND SEQUENCE BEFORE THE THORS ATTACKED. WE HAVE FAILED.
THOOOM
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THE TERRIGEN CHAMBER. BLACK BOLT, THEY'LL BE THROUGH THAT DOOR IN MOMENTS. THE MISTS WOULD *HEAL* YOU, AND IF WE'RE LUCKY, GIVE YOU ENOUGH POWER TO--
DO IT.

THOOOM
THOOOM

HOW DO YOU FEEL? CAN YOU SENSE YOUR NEW POWER?
...
QUICKLY, BLACK BOLT! WHAT HAVE YOU BECOME?
I--



SHHTHOOOOOM
DOOM!
DOOOOM!

DOOMSTADT.
FASCINATING.
THE SAME RESULT AS LAST TIME.
OOOOOOM!
SSSSKRACK
UTTERLY FASCINATING.
SNP

NEW ATTILAN.

I MADE YOU REGENT OF THIS DOMAIN BECAUSE YOU ARE ROYAL. YOU UNDERSTAND HOW TO RULE, AND THE POWER YOU AND YOUR INHUMANS GAIN THROUGH EXPOSURE TO TERRIGEN CRYSTALS MEANS YOU ARE EQUIPPED TO ENFORCE THAT RULE.
BUT THERE ARE MANY, IN MANY REALMS, WHO WOULD TAKE YOUR SEAT IN AN INSTANT, IF YOU WERE TO LOSE FAVOR IN MY EYES.
FAIL IN THIS TASK I HAVE SET YOU, BLACKAGAR BOLTAGON, AND THEY WILL HAVE THEIR CHANCE.
"FIND THE LEADER OF THIS...INSURRECTION...
QUEEN'S

"...AND BRING IT TO AN END."
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